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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1199

DATE: December 13, 2012

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals Not Enrolled In IowaCare

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Limited Emergent Hospital Coverage for IowaCare Members

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

In 2010 the Iowa Legislature established a limited funding pool (\$2 million) for inpatient hospital services provided to IowaCare members who presented at the emergency room of an Iowa hospital enrolled with Medicaid, but not a designated IowaCare Hospital.

On July 19, 2012, Informational Letter [1154](#) announced the fund replenishment of \$2 million for State Fiscal Year 2013 (SFY13) consistent with the prior years.

On November 29, 2012, the funding pool for SFY13 was exhausted and any claims that were not fully adjudicated by this date will deny. This includes claims that had suspended for IME review (in process). For the remainder of the fiscal year emergent hospital services at a non-IowaCare hospital will not be covered by IowaCare.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work together to serve the needs of Iowa Medicaid members. If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally (in Des Moines) at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.